

# AWBA NEWSLETTER

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## Status of AWBA Agreements

► The Intergovernmental Agreement between the AWBA, the CAWCD and ADWR that provides for water delivery and provision of services to AWBA expired on December 31, 2001 and was extended by letter to April 30, 2002. Staff have met to discuss the concepts to be included in the new IGA. The most significant difference is that the IGA will no longer be the instrument by which the AWBA receives excess water. The AWBA will receive excess water in the future via a modified excess water contract. That excess water contract is being drafted in conjunction with the new IGA.

► A majority of the existing agreements between the AWBA, CAWCD and groundwater savings facility operators also expired on December 31, 2001. All of the agreements were extended by letter to April 30, 2002 with the exception of those with which the AWBA is not actively participating. Staff are drafting new agreements with two significant differences: inclusion of a recovery component and removal of CAP as a party to the agreements. Facility operator's will be contacted soon to discuss the new agreements.

► CAP staff have preliminarily indicated that the separate agreements for storage at the underground savings facilities operated by CAWCD may be consolidated into one master storage agreement for more efficient management. Consequently, the agreement for storage at the Avra Valley Recharge Project that expired on December 31, 2001 was also extended by letter to April 30, 2002.

► The new agreement for water storage at the Granite Reef Underground Storage Project was executed on December 31, 2001.

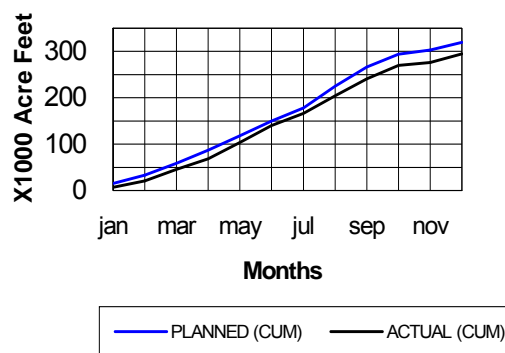
## AWBA Delivers to Agua Fria Recharge Project

In November, 2001 the AWBA stored its first water in the managed portion of the Agua Fria Recharge Project. Total storage for the year was 3,621 acre feet. Deliveries will be curtailed in February 2002 for remodeling of the dissipation structure. CAP anticipates full-scale operation of both project components to initiate in March 2002.

## AWBA Water Deliveries

### 2001 DELIVERIES (by Month)

Planned vs. Actual



## November and December Water Deliveries

	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>
Phoenix AMA	5,598 AF	11,857 AF
Pinal AMA	1,221 AF	4,794 AF
Tucson AMA	<u>0 AF</u>	<u>1,946 AF</u>
	6,819 AF	18,597 AF

<b>Total Deliveries (2001)</b>	<b>294,813 AF</b>
<b>Planned Deliveries (2001)</b>	<b>321,350 AF</b>

## State Budget Adjustment Impacts the AWBA

The AWBA Fund was debited to help reduce the budget shortfall for the adjusted fiscal year (FY) 2002 budget signed by the Governor in late December. There were two sources of money in the AWBA Fund that were reduced: (1) the remaining \$1 million of general fund money allocated but not yet distributed for FY '02 was withheld and; (2) a \$1 million transfer out of the AWBA's administration fund was made. Additional sources of money may be impacted as the Legislature continues to examine the state's FY '02 and FY'03 budgets.

## 2002 Authority Meetings

Wednesday, March 20, 2002  
Wednesday, June 19, 2002  
Wednesday, September 18, 2002  
Wednesday, December 18, 2002

**All meetings are tentatively scheduled** from 10:00-12:00 at ADWR in Conference Room B.

### Comings and Goings

[Mike Pearce](#) - former Chief Counsel for ADWR and member of AWBA interstate negotiating team resigned and joined Fennemore Craig.

[Sandy Fabritz](#) - formerly with the Phoenix AMA and the Governor's Water Management Commission is a new technical administrator for the AWBA.

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The AWBA approved the Final 2002 Plan of Operation at the December 19, 2001 meeting. The Plan is available on the AWBA web page.

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## Hieroglyphic Mtns. Recharge Project (HMRP)

The AWBA recently submitted a water storage permit application for the HMRP. The HMRP is being developed by CAWCD as a State Demonstration Project. It is located near 163<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Dixileta Road and will include three infiltration basins covering 50 acres with a storage capacity of 35,000 acre feet per annum. CAWCD anticipates storing water at the facility in November 2002.

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